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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Maria A. E. Heiser of Woodstock, who passed away on August 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Maria Heiser was born in Berlin, Germany on May 2, 1937 to Heinrich and Margarete Kottusch; following World War II, she and her family settled in East Berlin; her family escaped to the west shortly before the construction of the Berlin Wall; and

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WHEREAS, Maria Heiser emigrated with her daughter to Cary in 1964 and married Robert J. "Bob" Heiser; they settled in McHenry in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Maria Heiser began working at McHenry High School (East Campus) in 1970, managing the Language Lab; she then worked for the McHenry Medical Group and Kemper Insurance; and

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WHEREAS, Maria Heiser spent much of her time at her typewriter, initially crafting stories and poetry in both English and German, much of which was semi-autobiographical; she was most proud of self-publishing "About People and Things", a book of her poetry; she later became a prolific letter writer; and

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1 WHEREAS, Maria Heiser was preceded in death by her parents,
2 and by her infant granddaughter, Olivia Christine Heiser; and

3 WHEREAS, Maria Heiser is survived by her children, Andrea
4 (Michael) Gilio and Rob (Sharon) Heiser; her grandchildren,
5 Michael, Holly, and Adam Gilio and Corey, Max, Hannah, Sophia,
6 and Julia Heiser; her 4 great-grandchildren; and her sister and
7 niece, Wilma and Ira Mayerhofer of Munich, Germany; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Maria A. E. Heiser, and extend our sincere condolences to her
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Maria Heiser as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.